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Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/600,610
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Title: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND STRUCTURE
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Group: 1725
Examiner: Kiley S. Stoner
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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SIR:

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed April 12, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. This Notice requests that Applicants provide missing months on all of the patent documents on the 1449/IDS Form submitted on December 21, 2004.

Upon review of the file history of the above-identified application, it is noted that no Information Disclosure Statement was submitted by Applicants in the above-identified application on December 21, 2004. The sole Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicants in the above-identified application, was submitted on June 23, 2003, upon originally filing the above-identified application. However, note that the Notice of Allowance in the above-identified applicatoin was mailed on December 21, 2004.

In any event, upon review of the PTO/SB/08A submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement upon originally filing the above-identified application, it is to be

noted that only the year was set forth with respect to each of the listed documents.

In view thereof, submitted herewith is a revised Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing all of the documents that were listed on the originally filed Form PTO/SB/08A and B submitted June 23, 2003, but setting forth at least the month and year for each of the listed documents except for the following listed document:

Thomas, W. M., "Friction Stir Welding", in Metalworking Technology Europe, Sterline Publication (1994), pp. 143-145.

This revised Form also corrects the country designation for No. 579500 A1.

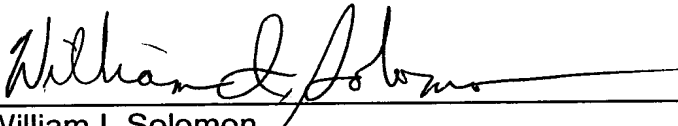
However, in order to facilitate consideration of this listed document from Metalworking Technology Europe, a copy of this document is enclosed herewith. As can be seen on the enclosed copy of this document, only the year is set forth, without a month.

In view of all the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing constitutes a complete reply to the aforementioned Notice mailed April 12, 2005. At most, the enclosed List does not satisfy requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 only in connection with the publication from Metalworking Technology Europe. However, especially in view of the submission of a copy of the listed document, and in view of the enclosed revised Form, it is respectfully submitted that a complete response has been submitted to the Notice mailed April 12, 2005.

Entry of this Response, as a complete response to the Notice mailed April 12, 2005, and issuance of a U. S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.35255V11).

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments: Return Copy of Notice mailed April 12, 2005 (1 pg.); Revised Form PTO/SB/08A, B (2 pp.); W. M. Thomas, et al., "Friction Stir Welding", Metalworking Technology Europe, pp. 143-145, 1994

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Notice of Allowance Mailed


This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

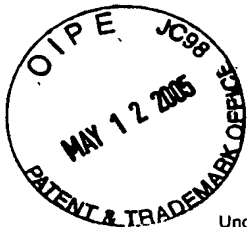
Applicant is given 30 days from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) or (b).

- Please provide missing months for all the patent documents on the 1449/IDS form submitted on 12/21/04.

APPLICANT MUST SUPPLY MISSING INFORMATION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE MAIL DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply. Please address response to "Rori Burch 2900 CRYSTAL DRIVE SUITE 7A25 ARLINGTON, VA 22202"


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		US-5.460.317		10/24/1995	Thomas, et al.	
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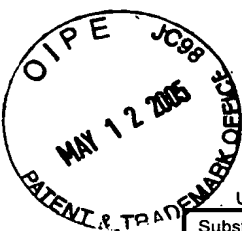
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		Friction Stir Process Welds Aluminum Alloys, Welding Journal, American Welding Society, Vo. 75, No. 3 (March 1996), pp. 41-45	
		Light Metal Welding Vol. 33, No. 7, pp. 19-26 (July 1995)	
		Two Prints dated June 23, 1993 showing details from a video from the Welding Institute	
		Verksstadnera Nr 2, pp. 32 and 34 (February 1996)	
		Advanced Materials & Processes, pp. 22-23, (September 1993)	
		Metalworking Technology Europe, Sterline Publication, pp. 143-145, (1994)	
		An Introduction to Friction Stir Welding and Its Development, by CJ Dawes, Welding & Metal Fabrication, pp. 13-16, (January 1995)	

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